

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Serial No. NEW :

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METHOD FOR PROPHYLAXIS AND
TREATMENT OF DIABETIC
COMPLICATIONS WITH 4[α -
HYDROXY-2-METHYL-5-
(1-IMIDAZOLYL)BENZYL]-3,5-
DIMETHYLBENZOIC ACID AND
DERIVATIVES

(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation of Serial No.
10/354,136, Filed January 30, 2003) _____

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows: